



Superintendents Conference

July 2006



Department Mission

- Learning
- Leadership
- Service



2010 Education

- **GOAL 1: By 2010, all third grade students will be proficient – or on a learning plan to become proficient – in reading and math.**
 - Mandatory kindergarten effective July 1, 2010
 - Kids Cabinet established
 - Work group designing accreditation and certification standards for preschool
 - Expand access to preschool for 4-year-olds
 - South Dakota Counts training for K-5 teachers



2010 Education

- **GOAL 2: By 2010, South Dakota will be first in the nation for the percentage of students going on to college, technical school or advanced training.**
 - Developing Personal Learning Plan model
 - Guidance Central software available to high schools this fall
 - Implementing Senior Projects to infuse rigor
 - Training has reached 70+ schools
 - Funding career and technical education programs
 - \$1 million for 35 projects



2010 Education

- **Implementing Classroom Connections project**
 - 20 districts with 5,000+ students participating
 - Intensive training this summer
 - Students receive laptops this fall
 - Targeting 21st century skills
- **South Dakota Virtual High School**
 - Provider approval form ready
 - Rules presented to Board of Education for 1st reading
 - Storefront in place later this year



2010 Education

- **GOAL 3: By 2010, the postsecondary education system will fully meet the needs of the state's changing economy and its citizens.**



2010 Education

- **GOAL 4: By 2010, South Dakota will build its educator base through targeted recruitment, retention and training.**
 - **Governor's New Teacher Academy**
 - 145 first year teachers & 95 second year teachers
 - **Six master's degree cohorts statewide**
 - 116 teachers involved in obtaining advanced degrees
 - **Expanded opportunities for 2nd career individuals**
 - Teach for America, Troops to Teachers, Project Select, Certification Only



Title II – Teacher Quality

- **Revised state teacher quality plan submitted July 7 to USDOE**
 - Covers how state intends to equitably staff high-needs schools with HQT
 - Requires schools to have a plan of how they will get all staff HQT by end of 2006-07 school year
 - Template and guidance coming to all districts this summer
 - Deadline will be Nov. 15 following PRF submission



State K-12 Accreditation System

- Rollout fall of 2006-07
- Requires all schools to have a district improvement plan identifying their school improvement plans
- Requires all districts to participate in onsite visit for verification of statutory requirements
 - Further information available at Joint Convention



2010 Education

- GOAL 5: By 2010, South Dakota will increase educational outcomes for Native American students.
- GEAR UP program statewide this summer
 - \$6.9 million over six years to address graduation rate and encourage participation in postsecondary
- 160 high school students at School of Mines academy
- Middle school students at local programs statewide



2010 Education

- **GOAL 6:** By 2010, South Dakota will target financial resources to improve classroom instruction and educational opportunities.
- **State Aid Study Task Force**
 - Have talked about tax structure, capital outlay, sparsity, small school factor, etc.
 - Next meeting: Sept. 6-7
 - Final recommendations in December



In Brief

- **Public school exemptions**
 - Develop process to assist local districts
- **Communication to schools** – Too much or not enough?
- **Standards and assessment** – U.S. Dept. of Education
 - Work plan for 2006–07 year
- **Districts required to provide parents with individual student assessment reports for Dakota STEP**
 - Available for printing via DDN Campus or SIMS Net
 - Must be shared in timely manner -- fall parent-teacher conferences
- **Districts must also provide parents with SAT10 reports.**
 - Reports provided by Harcourt, mailed to each district late summer



Assessment Work Groups

- Meeting dates for 2006-07
 - Aug. 22-23 HIRO review for reading
 - Oct. 18 DSTEP science alignment
 - Oct. 19-20 DSTEP Alt. science alignment
 - Oct. 18-19 DSTEP reading bias and content
 - Nov. 15 DSTEP reading alignment
 - Nov. 16-17 DSTEP math Alignment
 - Nov. 17 DSTEP science alignment
 - Feb. 27-28, 2007 DELP alignment
 - April 24-25, 2007 DSTEP Alt. science/reading/math standards
 - May 23-24, 2007 DSTEP reading standards setting
 - May 30-31, 2007 DSTEP math standards setting
 - June 1, 2007 DSTEP science standards setting



NCLB Timeline

- Preliminary AYP determinations
- AMO targets
 - Reading: 78% K-8 and 66% 9-12
 - Math: 62% K-8 and 53% 9-12
- Deadline: Aug. 3, 5 p.m. for schools to make changes
- Final AYP determinations e-mailed to superintendents and business managers Friday, Aug. 11
- Use Monday, Aug. 14, school board meetings to alert public
- News stories run on Tuesday, Aug. 15



NCLB Timeline

- **Be aware:**
 - Number of students proficient on Dakota STEP-A has decreased from 2005 performance on STAARS
 - Dakota STEP-A based on alternate content standards, not extended standards, therefore more rigorous
 - Would not expect high proficiency initial year of Dakota STEP-A



Closing Thoughts

- **Challenging time in education**
 - Funding concerns/challenges
 - Demographic shifts
 - Millennial parents/board members
 - Increased accountability
 - Increased challenges with students/families



Closing Thoughts

- We have a choice each day.
- Are we going to focus on:
 - Obstacles?
 - Or
 - Opportunities?

